Orissa has set up the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority. Further follow-up action on the ground level is required to be taken by the State Government.

Schemes to Prepare Compost Manure

†2923. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 to 10 kilogram of dung per day can be obtained from grownup animals such as cows, oxes and buffaloes;

(b) whether the population of cows, oxes and buffaloes category is more than 28.8 crores as per the animal census of 1992;

(c) whether per annum availability of dung from the grown up animals in the country can be 63.072 crore metric tonnes;

(d) whether it is a fact that if compost manure is prepared from the dung from the available live stock then 450 crore tonne manure can be prepared which is more than two and half time than the need of total agricultural land; and

(e) if so, the scheme of Government to prepare compost manure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) to (c) yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Although no systematic study about potential for compost production has been undertaken so far, the factors of moisture, wastage, shrinkage etc. need to be also taken into account while estimate the total compost production. Collection and use of dung is an activity to be performed at farmers' level and the farmers are fully aware of its benefits. Use of dung as manure is very useful in maintaining soil productivity and crop production. Government of India, therefore, encourages the production, promotion and use of organic manure such as rural and urban compost and also other sources of organic manures. A Scheme on Balanced and integrated Use of Fertilisers is being implemented where preparation of compost from city biodegradable solid waste is being encouraged.

Output of Prawn in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala

2924. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) what is the output of prawn in the coastal States of Maharashtra Gujarat and Kerala;

(b) whether it is a fact that the output of prawn has decreased in comparison to its output in previous years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such decrease;

(d) whether Government propose to increase its production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The output of prawn in the coastal states of Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra during 1998-99 is given below:

States	Prawn Production (000 tonnes)
Gujarat	64
Kerala	70
Maharashtra	103

(b) and (c) Apart from some annual fluctuations there has been no significant decline in prawn production in these states.

(d) and (e) The Government have taken the following steps for increasing prawn production :—

(i) development of scientific shrimp farming through brackishwater fish farmers development agencies, and providing package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp farmers.

(ii) Encouraging establishment of integrated shrimp farms and support facilities such as seed hatcheries, feed mills etc. in the country.

(iii) Human resource development by establishing demonstration-cum-training centres; and

(iv) Issue of guidelines outlining measures for develpment and management of sustainable brackishwater aquaculture practices, etc.

Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2925. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :